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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
 Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic five-month extension of time to file a Brief On Appeal to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003 as provided for by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Notice of Appeal was timely filed on April 30, 2004 and the Appeal Brief was therefore due on June 30, 2004. With this five-month extension, the due date for the Appeal Brief should be November 30, 2003. The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17 for a five-month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 2,080.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

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